State	No. of Godowns	Storage Capacity *(in lakh MTs)*
Andhra Pradesh	37	12.69
Kerala	23	5.25
Karnataka	19	3.39
Tamil Nadu	16	5.89
Pondicherry	03	0.42
TOTAL :	98	27.64

In addition, the FCI also possesses hired and Cover And Plinth (CAP) storage facilities as under:

State	Number		Storage Capacity (*in lakh MTs)*	
	Hired Godowns	CAP facilities	Hired	CAP
Andhra PRadesh	88	5	17.88	1.97
Kerala	—	6	—	0.21
Karnataka	22	10	1.11	1.54
Tamil Nadu	10	—	0.72	—
TOTAL:	120	21	19.71	3.72

(b) to (d) All the FCI owned godowns are scientifically constructed and are rodent and damp proof.

Indo-EU Relations

*249. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-European relations are touching a new high following the India-EU Summit which was held in November 2003;

(b) if so, the main topics discussed thereat;

(c) the main agrements reached between the two;

(d) whether the EU has, recently, upgraded its mission in India with a Grade II Ambassador; and

(e) if so, to what extent both the countries have improved their relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) and (b) The annual India-EU Summit demonstrates that the relationship has assumed strategic depth and maturity. At the 4th India-EU Summit which was held on 29 November 2003 in New Delhi both sides reviewed bilateral relations, both political and economic, and exchanged views on regional and international developments of mutual concern.

(c) At the Summit, the Joint Press Statement was adopted, the Financing Agreement for Trade and Investment Development Programme was signed and the Customs Cooperation Agreement was initiated.

(d) and (e) In recognition of the importance of the multifaceted relationship, both sides are represented by senior diplomats in Delhi and Brussels. A senior EC diplomat has recently assumed the charge as Ambassador/Head of the EC Delegation in India on 24th November 2003.

Salary in Industrial and Business Institutions

†*250. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the salary in the industrial and business institutions in India have been increased as compared to other countries in the Asia-Pacific Region during the year 2003;

(b) if so, the rate of growth in the amount of salary payments and the names of such industries and business where salaries have been increased; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.